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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT AMIN' S REACTION TO NEWSPAPER STORY AND
EDITORIAL ON WITHDRAWAL OF U. S. AID

REF: KAMPALA 1312

1. FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL TEXT OF GOU RELEASE ON GOU REACTION
TO PRESS REPORTS REGARDING WITHDRAWAL OF U. S. AID. RELEASE
WAS BROADCAST ON UGANDAN RADIO AND TV APRIL 12. REMAINDER
OF RELEASE WAS REPEAT OF VOICE OF UGANDA EDITORIAL (TEXT IN
REFTEL).

BEGIN TEXT: A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN HAS COMMENDED THE VOICE
OF UGANDA FOR ITS EDITORIAL IN TODAY' S ISSUE ENTITLED " UGANDA
CANNOT STARVE OF AID."

THE SPOKESMAN IS ALSO HAPPY WITH THE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE
WHICH DISCLOSED THAT THE UNITED STATES IS TO STOP AID TO
UGANDA.

HE WISHES THE PEOPLE OF UGANDA TO RE- DEDICATE THEMSELVES
TO SELF- RELIANCE AND HARD WORK, AND STRESSES THAT EVEN WITH-
OUT AID, UGANDA' S FINANCIAL POSITION IS IMPROVING.

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FINALLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PRESIDENT AMIN HAS
COMMENDED THE WAY THE PRESS IN UGANDA IS BEGINNING TO TACKLE
THE ISSUES OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE. END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL TEXT OF APRIL 13 VOICE OF UGANDA
STORY REPORTING PRESIDENT AMIN'S MEETING WITH VISITING
GHANAIAAN MINISTER.

BEGIN TEXT: DECISION WILL NOT DETER PROGRESS

EVEN IF THE UNITED STATES WITHDRAWS HER ASSISTANCE TO UGANDA,
THE COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO PROGRESS, PRESIDENT AMIN YESTERDAY
TOLD THE VISITING GHANAIAAN MINISTER FOR TRADE AND TOURISM,
MAJOR FELLI WHO IS IN UGANDA TO INITIATE TRADE RELATIONS
BETWEEN GHANA AND UGANDA.

THE GENERAL SAID WHEN BRITAIN WITHDREW HER ASSISTANCE, THE
BRITISH THOUGHT UGANDA WOULD COLLAPSE, " BUT WE ARE STILL MAKING
PROGRESS."

HE ADDED: " WHEN THE BRITISH, AND NOW THE AMERICANS, WITH-
DREW THEIR ASSISTANCE AND PERSONNEL THEY THOUGHT THAT I WOULD
GO AND KNEEL BEFORE THEM BUT I AM NOT GOING TO DO THAT."

IF ANY COUNTRY GIVE ASSISTANCE, HE SAID, WE MUST MAKE
SURE THAT IT DOES NOT CONTROL US, BECAUSE PEOPLE IN UGANDA
TODAY ARE WORKING HARD AND ARE LEARNING FASTER THAN EVER
BEFORE. HE ADDED THAT UGANDANS NOW ARE VERY BUSY WITH THE
ECONOMIC WAR AND THE REORGANIZATION OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY.
END TEXT.
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